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With the ever-increasing crises relating to energy, diminishing natural resources, politicization and economic manipulations by oil producing nations and companies, The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods again strongly stresses the urgent need to conserve energy in our homes and lives.

Such conservation is necessary in our synagogues and all public places, whether for public, commercial or private use, in transportation and in industry. We believe that developmental research must be encouraged to replace increasingly limited conventional means of energy and to increase the energy self-sufficiency of our respective nations. Pending development of new resources and forms of energy, and for its own sake as an expression of individual responsibility, we believe that conservation is a significant and immediately available course of action.

Therefore, based on our continuing belief that we have responsibility to care for the earth, its environment and resources while at the same time we enhance the human condition, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods resolves that:

1. All Sisterhood members and their families be urged to exercise every possible act of conservation in their homes relating to heating, lighting, cooling systems, cooking, laundry and private transportation. We call upon all Sisterhoods to encourage and cooperate with their congregations in the application of these concepts within the synagogue buildings.
2. We urge all members to become advocates in their communities for the adoption and implementation of public policies and practices which emphasize energy conservation and the rapid development of energy resources. These resources should be both renewable and non-threatening to public health, human existence and the environment.
3. We call upon our respective government representatives and leaders to take immediate action, forthrightly and with courageous leadership, to address the energy crisis which daily has such deep impact on the lives of all. We recognize that the burden of the energy crisis should be distributed equitably among all people so that the poor and aging are not unduly penalized.